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Around The Army**Europe:**

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service announced Aug. 27 it would change September fuel prices for customers stationed in Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Customers in the Netherlands will pay 10 cents more per gallon for gas. Super unleaded gasoline costs will decrease to \$2.048 per gallon in Germany and to \$2.077 in the United Kingdom.

Diesel costs go up nine cents per gallon in Germany and the United Kingdom and increase 24 cents in the Netherlands.

For more about this story and other AAFES news, visit www.aafes.com on the Web.

Camp Zama:

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported Sept. 1 that 120 and 200 people from two Japanese organizations marched to Camp Zama, Japan, on Aug. 29 in a drizzling rain to protest unconfirmed Japanese media reports that a state-side U.S. Army command is to be moved to the installation.

A second protest was canceled due to worsening rains later in the day, said Sagami-hara City spokesman Yasushi Senba. The protesters, from Kanagawa Central Joint Struggle Committee and Kanagawa Peace Movement Center, delivered a letter to officials at Camp Zama asking the U.S. Army not to move the 1 Corps headquarters from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Camp Zama.

For more about this and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.esrpress.com on the Web.

Fort Polk:

The Guardian reported Aug. 29 that families living in Timber Ridge and Sycamore Point leased housing met Aug. 18 and 19 to discuss changes that will take place in their communities when Picome Military Housing takes over management of military housing Sept. 1 as part of the Residential Community Initiative there.

Col. Wade Woolfrey Jr., Fort Polk garrison commander, outlined the changes communities will soon see.

"Once RCI takes over, your grass will get cut," he said. "Also, as you clear your quarters, there will be a wipe down rather than a white glove inspection."

Woolfrey also explained that new garbage cans would be issued to residents—wheeled and easier to move. Once the new trash receptacles are issued, residents will be required to keep them behind their homes.

For more about this story and other Fort Polk news, visit www.jrtc-polk.army.mil.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Army earmarks \$320M for Riley

Post's family housing privatization expected in fiscal year 2005**Joseph Whitaker****By Adam Pracht**
The Daily Union

MANHATTAN — Army plans call for more than \$320 million for Fort Riley infrastructure development during the next 10 years, according to Joseph Whitaker, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for installations

and housing.

Whitaker revealed that information Aug. 24 during the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce's quarterly luncheon with the area's U.S. representative.

Whitaker said the money would go to several functions during those 10 years: deployment, maintenance and training facilities and as initial invest-

ments for family housing privatization.

The Army's housing privatization initiative includes 45 military installations. Under privatization, the Army keeps ownership of the land but contracts with private leasers to manage on-post housing, renovate the existing structures or build new ones.

The Army already has privatized

37,000 homes nationwide and 23,000 more homes are in the process of privatization. The Army is seeking private leasers for about 6,500 homes. About 8,500 homes are planned for privatization in fiscal year 2005, including 3,084 homes at Fort Riley. An additional 8,500 homes at certain

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Spilled threat

Crews practice response

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

A large barrel of acid fell on the Fort Riley Soldier unloading it Aug. 26. The barrel broke the Soldier's leg and the corrosive contents spilled out, drenching him.

A co-worker ran over to help but fumes from the toxic chemical overwhelmed him and he passed out before he could help.

That exercise scenario played out Aug. 26 as Fort Riley's fire department, emergency medical services and environmental services staffs ran through the hazardous material drill to test their response systems.

"It tests us and gives us the opportunity to take a look at our systems, keep what's good and get rid of what doesn't work," said Paul Wilson, a member of the post's fire department. "This is how we get better."

While accidents of this nature are rare at Fort Riley, this type of training is important to everyone involved, Wilson said.

"If you don't practice like you're going to play, you'll lose that edge," he said. "Our goal is to resolve the problem. We don't want to be victims ourselves."

The fire department logs about 50 hours of hazardous

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A Fort Riley emergency responder from the Fort Riley Fire Department washes down a simulated chemical spill victim while another responder checks the victim's vital signs during a hazardous materials drill on post Aug. 26.

Unit cases guidon

Air defense artillerymen assigned elsewhere

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

After serving more than eight years at Fort Riley, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery, cased its colors during an inactivation ceremony Aug. 25.

Some of the unit's Soldiers are being reassigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, units. Others will be assigned elsewhere, and some will be changing military job specialties, according to Lt. Col. Anthony Wright, 70th Engineer Battalion commander.

"The guidon you see today is not lost. It carries with it the spirit and the performance of all of you and of all those that came before you," Wright said while addressing the unit's Soldiers and family members.

"Like the great Soldiers and warriors of the past, you too have earned the right to walk the paths of history," said Capt. Louis Veneziano, battery commander. "My last piece of advice to you as your battery commander is this: strike fear in the hearts of men and don't let anyone ever beat you, because warriors don't ever get beat."

The unit's history dates back to its formation at West Point in 1786. The unit has served the United States on land, at sea and in the air.

Originally known as Capt. Henry Burbeck's Company of

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Military police cracking down on violators

Speeding, inattentiveness cause large number of parking lot accidents

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Military police on Fort Riley plan to crack down on drivers in parking lots — a traffic trouble zone that has drawn the attention of staff in the Provost Marshal Office's traffic division.

The focus will hopefully reduce the number of speeders and accidents on Fort Riley, said Staff Sgt. William E. Langrell, noncommissioned officer in charge of traffic accident investigations.

"I see people driving in parking lots at the same speed they drive

on the roads," Langrell said. Although not posted, parking lot speed limits on post are 5 mph.

"One-third of the accidents on post occur in parking lots," Langrell said.

Since Oct. 1 the traffic division has issued 390 tickets for moving violations. "Those 390 citations are only from one division," he said, "and do not reflect the tickets issued by other military police patrolling the installation."

Analyzing traffic data, Langrell said, "It doesn't matter if the parking lot is small or large. Current traffic trends show most accidents on Fort Riley occur in parking lots on Custer Hill."

As a result, the entire traffic division is focusing on those trends, Langrell said. "We will still focus on seat belt use as well."

The traffic division supervised or investigated 250 accidents this fiscal year. No data was available for the previous fiscal year.

Langrell said his division investigated 20 accidents on post in July, and most of those were in parking lots.

"Most experts say 'driving forward' is a triplex multi-task requiring hand, eye and foot coordination," he said. "However, I

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Provost Marshal Photo

Inattentiveness and speeding by drivers in post parking lots will be the focus of military police as they try to cut down on the number of accidents happening in those locations.

You can find the Fort Riley Post online at www.riley.army.mil



Post news in brief

TRICARE alters phone numbers

Irwin Army Community Hospital recently announced the following telephone number changes for TRICARE taking effect Oct. 1:

For appointments, urgent care, routine care, the nurse advice line or after hours, call (785) 3627 or (888) 239-3672.

For TRICARE benefit questions, medical authorizations or referrals for specialty care, claims status or the TRICARE service center, call (888) 874-9378.

Speed limit reminder:

The school zone speed limit is 20 mph when lights on the zones' edges are flashing between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m., 11:05 and 11:45 a.m. and 3:15 and 3:45 p.m.

The speed limit in housing all housing areas is 15 mph.



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Emergency responders from the Fort Riley Fire Department prepare simulated victims of a chemical spill for transport to a medical facility during a hazardous material drill on post Aug. 26.

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material training each year.

While most of the training is done in-house, Wilson said the department tries to coordinate the efforts of others about every three months.

Involving other organizations

in the training is quite beneficial,

he said. U.S. Army Medical Department Activity Spc. Gregg Mouritzen played the Soldier who suffered the broken leg and acid spill Aug. 26. He said he agrees

with Wilson.

"Everyone needs to know how to do this - from hazardous material handlers to MEDDAC," he said.

"People make mistakes if they don't practice," he pointed out.

Post ceremony honors retirees

25 Soldiers, civilians end service

Staff report

Four of the 25 Fort Riley Soldiers and civilians who retired in August were recognized for their military and government service during a ceremony Aug. 25 on Ware Parade Field in front of the post headquarters.

The other 21 retirees opted not to participate in the ceremony.

Each Soldier in the ceremony received honors for their long and outstanding careers, including a Meritorious Service Medal.

The retiring Soldiers' spouses received certificates of appreciation recognizing their contributions and thanking them for the support they gave to their sponsors' careers.

Of the four retirees recognized at the ceremony, two plan to stay in the area.

Staff Sergeant Michael R. Hurd of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion,

retired after 20 years of military service. He will live in Manhattan, where he will seek employment and complete his college degree.

Robert Rochon, a warehouse worker in the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System warehouse, retired after 26 years of military and federal service. He will live in the local area and plans to travel extensively to visit family.

Col. Robert L. Lowery Jr. of the 6025th Garrison Support Unit retired after 30 years of military service. He will live in Saint Louis, where he is employed as a national account manager for Sonoco Products.

James V. Franey in the Directorate of Logistics retired after 15 years of federal service. He will live in Lanark, Ill., where he plans to work as a substitute teacher, play golf and spend time with his family.

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Artillery, 1st Bn., 4th Defense Artillery, the Army redesignated the unit several times.

At one point in its history, as Battery D, Coast Artillery Battalion, the unit protected the Panama Canal. In 1950, the unit's mission shifted to protecting England from Cold War air invaders.

By 1958, the unit had been disbanded once but was reconstituted to serve in the continental United States. Before disbanding again in 1970, elements of the unit fought in Vietnam.

From 1971 to 1988, 1st Battalion was activated in Washington state. In 1996, the 1st Bn., 4th ADA, was assigned as the 1st

Armored Division's organic air defense battalion.

In February 1996, Btry. C, 1st Bn., 4th Defense Artillery Regiment, was activated as part of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team at Fort Riley.

In 2003, the unit deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and served as part of the defense of Baghdad International Airport.

"Through its history, the Army has called upon this unit to step up and perform, and it has done so well," Wright said, "and it remains ready when the Army needs this unit again, which I am certain it will."

Army seeks Iraq vets to recruit

Soldiers offered 14 days temporary duty to tell story at home

Special to the Post

U.S.A. Recruiting Command

A Special Recruiter Assistance Program offers Soldiers who have served on the front lines the opportunity to convey their experiences to their local communities.

This initiative will enable families, friends, local organizations and leaders to hear first hand accounts of the war through the voices of their hometown heroes.

Effective Sept. 1, enlisted Soldiers in the Continental United States who have served in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom may request to participate in S-RAP.

In addition to being a veteran, Soldiers must also meet HRAP criteria outlined in AR 601-2

(Army Promotional Recruiter Support Programs).

S-RAP participants will serve in a temporary duty (TDY) status for a period up to 14 days and may claim reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem allowance for the period of TDY.

Further, the TDY may be taken in conjunction with ordinary leave. U.S. Army Recruiting Command will allocate funding for this initiative and is responsible for managing the program.

OEF/OIF enlisted Soldiers who want to participate must submit their applications online at www.usarec.army.mil.

All requests will undergo a screening process and will take at least seven days to complete.

USAREC's HRAP manager will notify Soldiers who pass the screening via e-mail. This e-mail

will include the name and address of the recruiting company where the participants will perform their S-RAP duty.

Upon receipt of notification, Soldiers must have their requests (DA Form 4187) approved by the first lieutenant colonel in the Soldier's chain of command.

Soldiers will fax the DA Form 4187 to USAREC at (502) 626-0943.

Upon receipt of that form, USAREC will complete a DD Form 1610 and sent it to the Soldier's e-mail address and to his or her unit's personnel section, as provided on the DA Form 4187.

The OEF/OIF Soldiers will report to the designated recruiting station commander on the day the S-RAP commences. They must wear their Desert Camouflage Uniform and carry the DD Form

1610 authorizing S-RAP participation.

S-RAP Soldiers will work not less than 40 hours per week during their tour.

For more information about the Special Recruiter Assistance Program, contact the U.S. Army Recruiting Command HRAP manager, Walter Withers, at (502) 626-0448 or (502) 626-1582.

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Claims due within 70 days

Soldiers must submit claims for household goods shipment damage on DD Form 1840R (pink) to the Fort Riley claims office within 70 days of receiving their shipment, or the amount allowed for damage may be greatly reduced, according to representatives of the post's Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

The completed claim packet must be submitted within two years after delivery.

The claims office is located in Room 106 of Patton Hall, Building 200.

For more information, call 239-3830 or 239-2633.

Open season set this month

Federal Group Life Insurance Program officials have announced an open season Sept. 1-30 for eligible employees. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will provide informational materials to all workforce points of contact for dissemination to employees.

According to a recent ABC-C newsletter:

- Open season elections must be made via the Employee Benefits Information System, accessible via the ABC-C web site, or the Interactive Voice Response System.

- Open season changes will be effective on or after Sept. 1, 2005.

- Employees in a non-pay status are eligible to participate if all other eligibility requirements are met. Changes will not be effective until the employee is back in a pay and duty status.

For more information, call Cindy Colson at CPAC, 239-6004.

Holiday refuse pickup slated

The refuse pickup schedule will change on post Sept. 6-10 in observance of Labor Day. The schedule is:

Sept. 6 – No pick up, federal holiday

Sept. 7 – Colyer Manor, Main Post, Marshall Field

Sept. 8 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montith Heights, Peterson Heights (north of Thomas Avenue), dumpsters at Buildings 27, 28, 45, 470, 540, 542 and 5309

Sept. 9 – Warner Heights, and Burnside Heights (No change from regular schedule)

Sept. 10 – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights (south of Thomas Avenue) (No change from regular schedule)

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By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

The new director of public works at Fort Riley plans to focus on improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

Larry McGee took the helm of managing the installation's infrastructure July 11 after serving as deputy director for a little more than five years. With his appointment, the veteran of 23 years federal public works experience becomes Fort Riley's first civilian director of public works.

As director, McGee oversees military construction, family housing, real property management and real property maintenance activities.

"Our (Public Works) primary vision is to focus on single Soldiers, quality of life improvements as well as family housing quarters," said the Kansas State University graduate.

Explaining the organization's focus on single Soldiers, he said, "We are in the process of trying to construct as many new barracks complexes to one-plus-one barracks standards where every Soldier gets a private room. We know we can't get there fast enough, so we are going to do a lot of work in existing facilities. We are going to have to keep a two-Soldiers-per-

room standard until we can get all the barracks replaced through the military construction program."

About family housing, McGee said, "We are replacing older quarters that are no longer to standard. We have a project that is ready to be awarded this year to construct 62 new family housing units, and we are going to build 126 new family housing units next year."

Building new family housing will require demolishing 72 and 126 old quarters for each project, respectively, he said.

"The big change in those construction projects are targeting the larger sets of quarters on post," McGee said. "We are building three-, four- and five-bedroom quarters that we really can't find on the local economy for our Soldiers. If they are available, the rental rates are a little higher than what Soldiers can afford."

Money will be key

The key to revitalizing older quarters and the new housing construction is money, said the graduate of the Army Management Staff College Sustaining Base Leadership and Management Program.

Besides the current construction strategies already in place,



Larry
McGee

Public works staff is planning an August 2006 transition to a private contractor, McGee said.

The intent of the RCI is to have Soldiers pay their Basic Allowance for Housing directly to the contractor. The contractor can then leverage those funds to make improvements to the existing quarters as well as building additional new quarters "to help fill the gap on what the local economy may not be able to provide," McGee said.

"Currently our funding stream for maintenance and repair of family housing quarters is not equal to the amount of BAH that Soldiers would get if the Soldiers lived on the economy," McGee explained. "So the contractor will receive the full BAH equivalent from a Soldier and will be able to provide a larger investment (minus costs for overhead and

profit) into maintaining existing and building new quarters on post."

Other construction programs demand public works attention in the short term.

On the immediate horizon is the impending arrival of the new unit of action - 6th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Mech). "We are going to have to accommodate approximately 3,400 new Soldiers coming to Fort Riley with barracks, administration facilities and family housing," McGee said.

"The guidance we received is they are going to activate some time in fiscal year 2006," he said.

"We will have to do a lot of facilities work to accommodate the activation of that brigade. And, we are going to have to rely on the local economy to help meet our family housing requirements because we are not currently able to build family housing on post to meet the increased need for married soldiers."

Staff faces challenge

One of the challenges that will face public works staff with the addition of the brigade-sized element and the \$80 million in construction projects to build modular facilities is the additional workload that will be placed on

employees.

"Because the 6th Brigade, 25th Inf. Div., is being housed on a temporary basis, it will be challenging to have enough folks to meet increasing demands," McGee said about what he described as an austere staff. "We still don't know the funding stream for additional employees to accommodate increased demand to support services."

New construction projects won't burden Fort Riley's current utility infrastructure, however, McGee said.

"The post's basic infrastructure is in good shape to bed down the new unit. We will bring in modular facilities, then work on a more permanent military construction program if the next rounds of the congressionally mandated Base Realignment and Closure Act determines the unit will stay here," he said.

Once the BRAC commission makes its decision, the public works staff can arrange to build additional service support structures, such as chapels, gyms and day care facilities, McGee said.

"All Soldier needs are based on troop population (permanent troop strength)," he added.

"Our vision: to make Fort Riley the best installation we can make it," he said. "We won't sacrifice service to customer."

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Construction on post

Current construction projects, their estimated cost and expected completion date:

- Advanced wastewater treatment facility, \$22 million, spring 2005
- Renovation of seven historic barracks buildings on Main Post, \$27.6 million, last one complete in January 2005
- Child Development Center, \$6.8 million, summer 2005
- Renovation of 625 kitchens in family housing, \$5.6 million, summer 2007
- Renovation of Building 212, \$3.7 million, February 2005
- 312-person barracks complex, battalion headquarters, roundabout, Trooper Drive extension, six company operations facilities, \$42 million, October 2005
- Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (Phase 1), \$12 million, November 2005

Total cost of construction under contract: \$115.3 million

Upcoming construction projects and expected start date:

- Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (Phase 2), \$13.2 million, fall 2004
- 312-person barracks complex, six company operations facilities, Graves Street/Estes Road extension, \$41 million, fall 2004
- 62 family housing units/demolition of 72 inadequate units, \$16.7 million, September 2005

Total cost of approved projects not yet under way: \$70.9 million

Fiscal year 2005 projects and estimated cost:

- 126 family housing units/demolition of 126 units, \$33 million
- Revitalize 434 existing housing units, \$30 million
- Communications center, \$3.05 million
- AFS Tactical Maintenance Facility, \$15.5 million
- Barracks complex renewal, dining facility, four company operations facilities, \$41 million

Total cost of fiscal year 2005 projects: \$122.6 million

Former post Soldier in ad

Staff report

A former Fort Riley Soldier selected last year to appear in advertisements promoting the Army of One is in print.

The ad with First Sgt. Cleveland Smith of U.S. Army Garrison, was seen by L'Tanya Pugh. It appears in the Aug. 23, 2004, issue of Jet magazine.



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An advanced wastewater treatment facility is being built near Ellis Heights housing area. The project is estimated to cost \$22 million and is expected to be finished in the spring of 2005.

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Army bases are to be privatized in the future.

When the process is completed, about 84,000 family housing units, or about 92 percent of the Army-owned family housing, will be leased to private entities.

Ken Burgoon, military affairs coordinator for Junction City, said he has heard officials at other military installations express positives and negatives about privatization, but he said that he did not yet know enough to form an opinion.

U.S. Rep. Jim Ryun, R-Kan., said improved housing was an important priority for the Army because it improves the quality of life for Soldiers and their families. "They often say you recruit a Soldier but maintain a family," Ryun said.

The \$320 million during the next 10 years is in addition to the \$115 million marked for construction, operation and maintenance of temporary facilities planned for Camp Funston, Whitaker said. The buildings will house a new brigade expected to begin arriving sometime after Oct. 1, 2005. The brigade will have about 3,400

Soldiers and will be part of the 25th Infantry Division headquartered in Hawaii.

The \$115 million figure includes \$80 million for construction of temporary buildings to house the new brigade's single Soldiers and administrative functions and \$35 million for operation and maintenance of those buildings.

Although the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process will determine whether the brigade will station permanently at Fort Riley, Whitaker said it was necessary to build the temporary facilities to speed the creation of the new brigade. The Army will increase its brigades from 33 to 43 by fiscal year 2006 to allow for more mobile and deployable forces.

Whitaker said another unknown for the Army was the Integrated Global Positioning process, which decides where Soldiers are placed worldwide.

Whitaker said Fort Riley was emphasizing areas in its budget that are also goals for the Army.

These goals include construction of ranges, family housing and



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A subcontractor works on the advanced wastewater treatment plant being built at Fort Riley. The new plant will replace the existing system located elsewhere on the post.

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see people just backing up in a parking lot without looking. Some have cell phones stuck in their ear. Our investigations show most parking lot accidents are caused by people driving too fast."

Langrell recommended drivers slow down and drive defensively to avoid accidents.

Observing posted speed limits could save drivers money.

The Fort Riley military police enforce Kansas' traffic laws using marked and unmarked patrol vehicles.

Violators of post traffic laws are cited on federal magistrate tickets, allowing the violator to decide whether to mail in a preset fine or elect to contest the citation in a local U.S. Magistrate District Court.

U.S. Magistrate District Court Traffic Fines

(Fines are normally based on local laws)

Driving Offense	Fine
Failure to Yield Right of Way (Uncontrolled intersection)	\$60
Unsafe Speed for Conditions	\$60
Improper Parking	\$30
Vehicle Accident (Reckless Driving)	Soldier apprehended and must appear in court
Improper Backing (In Parking Lot)	\$30
Speeding:	
1-10 mph over speed limit	\$30
11-20 mph over speed limit	\$30 + \$6 per mph over 10
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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Why is it important for Army families to be involved personally with local schools?



"Being involved in Army schools is very essential. Principals and teachers give more of their time at Army schools than they have to. They give 110 percent. Parents should give 110 percent."

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Montgomery
24th Infantry Division (Mech)
and U.S. Army Garrison
Reserve Component Counselor



"Getting personally involved shows that parents are involved in their children's education. It shows kids that we support them as much as we do the Army and the world. It shows them they are important and not forgotten."

Master Sgt. Virgil Toombs
541st Maintenance Battalion
Support Operations NCOIC



"Kids have to adjust to the changes and moving in and out of school systems. Supporting Army schools show kids if parents support the schools, their children will support the schools. If parent is a bad influence, their kids will be a bad influence."

Sgt. Doris Westbrook
1st Engineer Battalion
Supply Sergeant



"I think everyone should be personally involved in their children's school regardless if it is a military school or not."

Roxanne Bragg
Family member



"We, as soldiers, are gone so much for training and deployments, so we have to become personally involved. The needs of a military child are different. School is part of their extended family. Their teachers remain one constant for kids during their parents' deployments."

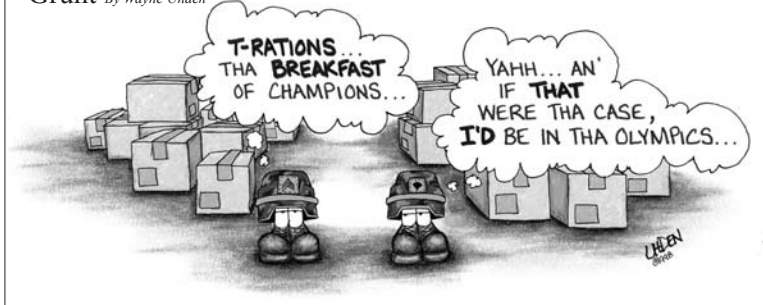
Capt. Nikki Tomlin
568th Engineer Company
Company commander

Next week's question:

How do you feel about the Army's new force stabilization plan to keep families at one station up to seven years?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Grunt By Wayne Uhden



Women's Equality

Day encourages us to move forward

By Kevin Stuart

Irwin Army Hospital

Imagine living in a society in which you have no voice, you cannot vote for representatives in government, you cannot start a lawsuit and hope to win because everyone on the jury will vote against you, you cannot hold a job without your spouse's approval and if you are employed, your wages belong to your spouse.

Imagine living in a society where your children and home are not yours. In the eyes of the law, they would belong to your spouse even though your spouse may be a negligent parent. Even the clothes you wear belong to your spouse.

If you are unmarried, you must work for your keep. You have your choice of a low-paying, backbreaking job in a factory or mill or being a low-paid teacher, nurse or secretary. You cannot complain about



CSM Kevin Stuart

the unfairness of the system because the law will not support you. If you complain, you would probably lose your job.

You do not exist in the eyes of the law. The law does not hear your voice nor recognize any of your claims.

You are helpless and must rely on the good nature and wisdom of those around you.

Women in America experienced that kind of helplessness until changes were made in property laws and women won the right to vote.

By Presidential Proclamation, every year since 1973, Americans have officially commemorated Women's Equality Day on Aug.

26, the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment (Aug. 26, 1920), which gave women the right to vote.

Passage of that constitutional amendment was the culmination of a massive civil rights movement by women and men that had its formal beginning in July 1848 at the Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the conference, which drew on the impetus and energy of the women and men who supported the temperance movement and abolition and implored women's right to suffrage.

Today we celebrate this day in remembrance of the years of hard work that were necessary to secure the right of women to vote. This day also has been set aside to recognize the contribution civilian and military women have made in every sphere of America's history.

Many women were instrumen-

tal in gaining the right to vote. One name familiar to many is Susan B. Anthony. Born in 1920, she was a teacher, writer and temperance and abolition organizer widely known as the founder of the women's right movement. She and other suffragists, such as Stanton, Mott, Lucy Stone, Carrie Chapman Catt, Anna Howard Shaw, Martha C. Wright and Mary Ann McClintock, paved the way for women to vote and to enter politics.

The struggle for ratification of the 19th Amendment was a long and arduous one; but that initial struggle ended Aug. 26, 1920, when Congress ratified the amendment and gave women the right to vote.

In the wake of this year's celebration of Women's Equality Day, let us keep moving forward for equal rights and remind one another of the journey women have made to get where they are today.

Quality of Life, Career

Expect predictability, stability for Soldiers

Editor's note: The following comments by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston are taken from a news article written by Brian Schroeder of the 10th Mountain Division about Preston's visit to Baghdad the middle of August.

CAMP VICTORY NORTH, Baghdad, Iraq — This transformation (the Army is) going through means predictability and stability for Soldiers and their families.

The first piece of predictability and stability is growing the number of forces to the Army inventory, which will give Soldiers the predictability of where they will be deployed to, year after year, as they look down the road.

The Army is made up of 33 brigade combat teams within 10 divisions.

The brigade combat teams are the workhorses. The Army's proposal to increase troop strength will add 15 new brigades to the Army inventory and convert all of the brigades into units of



SMA Kenneth Preston

action. We are going to take the 33 brigades apart and create 43 brigade units of action by the end of 2006. We will have the option to go into 48 units of action by the end of 2007.

The new units of action will provide an efficient task force containing a much wider spread of military occupational specialties, allowing the unit of action to operate without attachments from other units, Preston said.

Each brigade unit of action will be self-contained. Right now, if you wanted to send 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain, anywhere in the world, there is a lot of layering involved with getting that brigade to operate indepen-

dently. It would need a signal battalion, a military intelligence battalion, an air defense artillery battalion and military police from an MP company in order for it to function by itself.

The units of action will contain all the battlefield operating systems required for that brigade to operate independently and on (its) own.

The units of action would have a life cycle of 36 months. During that 36 months, the brigade would train and certify Soldiers for six months to reach a high level of training proficiency and readiness through field training exercises, area certifications, as well as Joint Readiness Training Center and National Training Center rotations, he said.

After that, the Soldiers would spend the next 26 to 30 months in a ready phase and might do one or two six-month deployments during that time, Preston said.

We are currently on a 12-month rotational cycle. We would like to see it scaled back

from 12 months to something less, like nine months and potentially back to six, which is where we were while in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Stability in Soldiers' lives will come from a three- to seven-year life cycle Soldiers would fulfill at one duty station. After that life cycle, Soldiers will have the option of re-enlisting for another duty station of choice.

There are some Soldiers who don't like Fort Carson and want to go to Fort Bragg, and some that don't like Fort Hood and want to go to Fort Drum. After that life cycle, Soldiers will be able to re-enlist for those kinds of options.

This increased stability will create rooted consistency for spouses of Soldiers who are pursuing personal careers as well.

Imagine if you spend six or seven years in one place, or 25 out of 30 years in one place.

Imagine (the benefits) if working spouses could grow in the organization or institution they are currently assigned or located.

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Post, Manhattan revive patrols

Military police walk Aggieville with civilian counterparts

By Jamie Bender

Staff writer

Fort Riley and Riley County teamed up this summer to revive walking military police patrols in the Aggieville section of Manhattan.

MPs accompany civilian police officers in Aggieville from 11 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays to around 3 a.m. the next day. The MPs act as liaisons for off duty Soldiers in the area.

The program is not new, said Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek, provost marshal.

"I arrived in Fort Riley in July 2002. Talking to the Riley County director, it was brought up that in the past, years ago, when the 1st (Infantry) Division was here, there were foot patrols in Aggieville. The last one was in the mid '90s," Zabek said.

"The program had been requested before [Zabek] came," said Ray Coffey, civil liaison. "Because of deployments, we could not support it until now."

Zabek instituted some changes from previous patrols to make them more effective.

"At the time, the MPs were unarmed and had no means of self-protection if anything happened," he said.

"They are paired up with a Riley County police officer, but in my opinion, because they were unarmed they didn't have the proper tools to do the job. I decided that if we were going to do it we were going to do it the right way. The [staff judge advocate] said we can go armed and we can carry pepper spray and the [baton] all within a very well defined

"I firmly believe in the MP motto of 'Of the troops, for the troops.' I believe that by being down there we can assist Fort Riley Soldiers while they are in Aggieville."

— Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek
Fort Riley Provost Marshal

parameter of use of force while off post in Aggieville," Zabek said.

The days that MPs accompany the civilian police officers were selected because those are the days there is a large number of Soldiers in Aggieville, Zabek said.

"Typically in the years past that we have been doing this, it has mostly been during the football season," Coffey said. "When there is a large number of students and Soldiers in Aggieville and they are all riled up because of the game, if you add alcohol and mix it up, the atmosphere can become tense."

The combined patrols help prevent incidents that may lead to uniform code of military justice action.

"I have personally been down there to see how it works," Zabek said. "It is a very good program because we can identify and assist Soldiers who need help while they are down there. It's kind of an assistance program for the Soldier. ... We can pick out a Soldier who has had too much to drink and help them get home before they get into trouble. ... The whole point of the program is to police up our Soldiers before they cross

the line and become subjects of a Riley County action."

Another reason for the patrols is to offer the civilian officers a resource for information and for the MPs' professional development.

"The other part is that Riley County has officers that do not have any military experience and they encounter Soldiers all the time," Coffey said. "[The program] gives them a person that can confirm what a Soldier tells them. It's also good for the MPs to work with a civilian police officer and see what they are doing and how they conduct themselves."

Zabek agrees there are many positive reasons for the patrols in Aggieville.

"It also provides them the opportunity to practice tolerance," he said, "which is what police officers need. Not everything is a quick arrest. There are circumstances and environmental considerations with every situation. It also helps them develop those interpersonal communication skills that are so essential to police work."

Two civilian police officers are assigned to the Aggieville area. Two MP noncommissioned officers from Fort Riley are paired

with them and work in teams of one civilian and one MP.

"Because of the Army that we have, Soldiers are very professional even while they are off duty, and they give us the respect that the rank deserves," Zabek said. "The first time we started, I sent an E6 and a lieutenant. There were Soldiers who were visibly intoxicated, but when that E6 talked to them, they went to parade rest. He said they were wobbly, but their professionalism shone through. That says something about our Soldiers."

"[The MP] asked them about their designated driver and the Soldier got on the phone and called and got picked up," Coffey said.

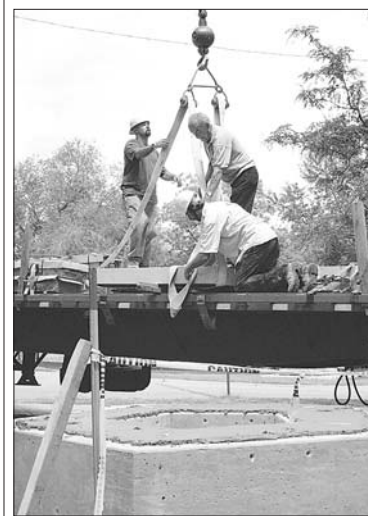
While the patrols' main goal is to prevent Soldiers from crossing the line and being arrested, if a Soldier commits a crime, he is subject to Riley County authorities.

"You answer to the civilian authority first and then to your chain of command," Zabek said. "That's true seven days a week, anywhere."

While the MPs are not patrolling Aggieville to prevent Soldiers from being arrested, their presence gives the civilian officers another option.

"If a Soldier crosses the line, Riley County can arrest them," Zabek repeated. "But once he is identified as a Soldier, the officer can turn him over to the MP and give them a chance to do the Soldier right and get him back on track. They would rather do that than arrest them."

Zabek said he believes that the program is a good one for Fort Riley's Soldiers.



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Lest we forget

Ed Lewis (left) and Rick Balm (front) of Memorial Art Company in Salina, and John Trygg, owner of Konza Construction Company in Junction City, prepare to lift a granite pentagram base for a War on Terrorism monument that will stand between Cavalry Parade Field and the U.S. Cavalry Museum. The 4,000-pound monument will be dedicated to Fort Riley Soldiers who have fought in the Global War on Terrorism probably during the Open House and Apple Day observance Oct. 2. Trygg said. The post will commemorate the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center that launched the United States' Global War on Terrorism with an observance at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Ware Parade Field.

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Future Fighter

Army's 'Future Warrior' exhibits super powers

By Phil Copeland
AFPS

WASHINGTON – The Army's future Soldier will resemble something out of a science fiction movie, members of Congress witnessed at a demonstration on Capitol Hill July 23.

The newest concepts for lightweight, lethal uniform systems to be worn by the future Soldiers in battle were displayed at the Russell Senate Building.

Two uniform systems are under development. The Future Force Warrior system will be available for fielding to Soldiers in 2010. The Vision 2020 Future Warrior system, which will follow on the concept of the 2010 Future Force Warrior system, is scheduled to be ready 10 years later.

The two new uniform systems are being developed under the Future Combat System Program.

"This Army initiative will develop and demonstrate revolutionary capabilities for the future Soldiers in battle," said Jean-Louis "Dutch" DeGay, a Soldier Systems Center representative.

The new systems include a weapon, head-to-toe individual protection, onboard computer network, soldier-worn power sources and enhanced human performance.

"The Future Force Warrior will be a responsive and formidable member of an invincible battle space team," DeGay explained, describing the system scheduled for fielding by 2010.

"The 2010 Future Force Warrior system will meet the more

immediate, short-term demands of our fighting warriors in the battle space, while the 2020 model will remind you of an ominous creature out of a science fiction movie," DeGay said. He added that the system would leverage all the technologies and lessons learned from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq carry large amounts of external weight, often 120 pounds or more, to be battle-ready. DeGay said the new uniform system – from head to toe – weighs 50 pounds.

The body armor of the new uniforms will absorb the shock of a bullet much better than current bulletproof vests. "The hard body armor has been stood off of the body by 2 1/2 to 3 inches, so when the Soldier is shot, the force is more evenly distributed to decrease injuries such as broken ribs," DeGay described.

Soldiers will be able to chat online with each other while they are walking down a jungle trail. The new system has the ability for each Soldier to be tied into tactical local and wide-area networks with an onboard computer that sits at the base of the Soldier's back.

Soldiers also will be able to share data with vehicles, aircraft and other Soldiers. "If an Apache helicopter was deployed forward

and recorded real-time video of the enemy, the helicopter can send the video back to an individual Soldier to observe," he said, with obvious enthusiasm and excitement for the new uniform system.

As has been seen in science-fiction movies, a dropdown piece of eyewear mounted on the helmet allows the Soldier to see a 17-inch computer screen displaying anything relayed to the Soldier. "This eyewear device is see-through, so it hangs out in space," DeGay said. This allows Soldiers to take in all supporting data while keeping both hands on their weapons.

Soldiers wearing the new system will have no need for an external microphone to communicate. "The helmet has sensors that register vibrations of the cranial cavity so I don't have to have a microphone in my mouth. That allows the Soldier to control the entire computer via voice-activation," DeGay explained. Soldiers will be able to cycle through onboard menus via their eyewear device.

The onboard computer will monitor the Soldiers' overall physiological picture of how he is performing in the battle zone.

Warrior Physiological Status Monitoring System gives the Soldier's body core temperature, skin temperature, heart rate, whether the Soldier is standing or prone, and how much water the Soldier has drunk," DeGay said.

A medic, who can be miles away, will now be able to diagnose and treat a Soldier who is



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A mannequin, on display July 23 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., shows the upper torso of the 2010 Future Force Warrior uniform system. The helmet has a drop down eyewear device so the future Soldier can view an online computer while in the battle space.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Raoul Lopez (left) poses in the new 2010 Future Force Warrior uniform system, while Army Sgt. Dan Harshman dons the 2010 Future Force Warrior uniform system. They were part of the Future Warrior exhibit for congressmen and their staff members July 23 on Capitol Hill.

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Future Food

Center cooks up battlefield cuisine

By Phil Copeland
AFPS

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department's Combat Feeding program at the U.S. Army Soldier System Center in Natick, Mass., is a "one-stop shop for all combat-rations development, field food-service equipment and total combat feeding systems," according to the Defense Department's combat-feeding director.

Gerald Darsch said the joint-service program is an effort to provide the appropriate types and distribution of food needed by the military services and to supply food products to astronauts at the International Space Station.

Combat rations and their distribution have improved considerably during the past five to seven years, Darsch said. The Combat Feeding program elicits "what Soldiers like to eat and what they don't like to eat. All of the rations are Soldier requested, Soldier tested, Soldier approved."

When servicemembers ask for a certain food item, such as Spanish rice or Thai chicken, food specialists develop recipes that will meet the request. Test panels are randomly selected to evaluate recipes during development. Once a recipe is finished, it is field tested with Soldiers to ensure the goal is met.

One type of ration, the Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE), is used by the military to sustain individuals in the field until an organized food facility is established. At present, mobile troops, who may not have much time to eat, take out only certain food components from the MRE rations. "They leave up to 50 percent of the unused portion behind, only to be thrown away," Darsch noted.

The prototype "First Strike" ration program provides highly mobile ground troops with total eat-on-the-move capability. He said the idea is to provide a single ration per day containing only food items that are easy to use and consume.

Recently, Marines and Soldiers have requested First Strike rations developed by the Combat Feeding program.

"The Marines have asked for these rations to use in Afghanistan and Iraq," Darsch said. "The Army's 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq has also requested to try these rations for their Soldiers." Both services said it would provide a capability they really don't have, he added.

Darsch said this ration package includes a pocket sandwich with a three-year shelf life at room temperature, developed by the Army Soldier Center. This sandwich is a good idea for

those who can't take a microwave or refrigerator out in the field, he added.

"We put three zip-lock bags in with the rations, so the person can break it up into three separate meals and easily store unused portions in the uniform pockets, wherever is most comfortable and fits the best," he explained. "The beverage mix included with the rations is in a flexible package so you can reconstitute it right in the package and consume it directly from the package."

Tube food, another type of ration, has been provided for the Air Force's U-2 long-range surveillance aircraft pilots during their reconnaissance flights.

According to Air Force officials, the U-2 is the most difficult aircraft to fly because of its unusually challenging takeoff and landing characteristics. Due to its high-altitude mission, pilots must wear full pressure suits.



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Two pieces of the new "Jolt" caffeine energy gum are equal to a cup of coffee for U.S. warriors in the battlefield to help sustain a high energy level. This gum is included as part of the prototype "First Strike" rations.

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Post news in brief

E7 board to convene

The fiscal year 2005 Sergeant First Class Promotion Board will convene Nov. 2, according to Military Personnel Message 04-216.

Soldiers have until Oct. 15 to validate their Web Enlisted Record Brief, update their Official Military Personnel File, arrange for the post photo lab to take and submit a digital photo and have noncommissioned officer evaluation reports sent to the Enlisted Records Center.

Eligible NCOs should call 239-5218 or visit the 15th Personnel Support Battalion Customer Services Sections to schedule an appointment.

Redeployment briefings slated

The following are the dates and times for the upcoming redeployment briefings.

Family members are being advised to contact their Family Readiness Group leaders or their rear detachments if they have questions or to check on changes regarding the their briefings and homecoming activities.

For information and assistance regarding FRG training, issues and concerns, call Sonya Brown or Pearl Speer at the Family Readiness Center, 239-9435.

All briefings will be held at the Soldier and Family Support Center. Free childcare will be provided. **1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery** – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 2

1st Battalion, 34th Armor – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 and 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 10

Voters urged to register soon

Unit reps to ease process during Armed Forces Voting Week

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Registering to vote can be complicated and confusing processes, especially for those who aren't in their home state. With the help of unit representatives knowledgeable about the Federal Voting Assistance Program, the process can be much simpler.

Soldiers and family members who have not registered to vote or who have not requested absentee ballots will have an opportunity to do so during Armed Forces Voting Week. From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 7-10, voting assistance officers will be at the Main Post Exchange to provide information and help people register to vote, update voter information and request absentee bal-

lots.

"If you've been contacted in the past, but chose not to register at that time, this is the final chance to do so," said 1st Lt. Janie Peer, installation voting officer. "If your mailing address has changed since the last election, you need to stop by as well."

Sept. 15 is the last day federal voting postcard applications will be accepted by local voting officials.

"Everyone is totally encouraged to participate because the votes that the military people got in at the last minute almost missed (the deadline). So it's very important to vote and get it in on time," she said.

Registering to vote is something Peer said she encourages everyone to do.

"We're one of the few organizations who actually get to elect

our leaders, and we need to take full advantage of that opportunity," she said.

Trying to take advantage of that opportunity may present problems for some. Knowing what state to register to vote in, for example, may be tricky, especially for military members and their families, Peer said.

"It's more than just where my driver's license is and where I pay state taxes and things like that. It's a number of factors. Many military people have lived in several states and own property in different states and have a driver's license from a different state," Peer said.

Those with specific questions regarding residency criteria should call the legal assistance office at 239-3117.

Anyone unable to stop by the PX during the week can get the necessary forms and information from other sources. Every company has a voting assistance officer who should be available to provide assistance, Peer said.

"Family Readiness Group leaders were also given information a while back to distribute. Through the Family Readiness Groups you should be put in contact with the unit's VAO," Peer said.

Anyone unable to reach voting assistance officers should call Peer at 239-8012.

More information is available on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site, www.fvap.gov.

Where to vote

Not sure what state to register to vote in?

Following are basic guidelines that may help you determine residency. Anyone with specific questions regarding residency should call the legal assistance office at 239-3117.

- You must have or had physical presence in the state and simultaneously the intent to remain or make the state your home of residence.
- You may only have one legal residence at a time, but may change the residency each time you transfer to a new location.
- Once residence is changed, you may not revert to the previous residence without re-establishing new physical presence and intent to remain or return.
- "Home of record" should not be confused with legal residence. "Home of record" is the address a military member had upon entry to the service. It does not change.
- Soldiers' family members may have different states of residency than their sponsors.

Voting information available in units

Need assistance?

Soldiers needing information about voting can contact these voting assistance officers for help.

1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division – Capt. David Newman, 239-9765 or 239-5662

3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division – Chief Warrant Officer Michael Mather, 239-4049 or 239-4499

937th Engineer Group – Sgt. 1st Class John Williams, 239-5286

24th Infantry Division (Mech) and U.S. Army Garrison – 1st Lt. Kelly Smith, 239-4360

Click on "Publications and Forms." Forms can be printed and mailed in and must be received by Sept. 15.

Those who need to update information and who are registered to vote in the local area are encouraged to contact their county clerk offices. The Geary County clerk office can be reached by calling 762-5221. Riley County's number is 537-6300.

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Community news briefly

Spouses plan FYI luncheon

Fort Riley's Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host an FYI luncheon for its members and members of the Enlisted Spouses' Club at 11 a.m. Sept. 16 in Riley's Conference Center.

Information tables will be set up by different organizations on post and in the local area. Many home-based businesses will be represented. The luncheon will provide attendees an opportunity to meet new people, have a little fun, win prizes and learn more about what is available on Fort Riley and in our surrounding community.

Cost for the luncheon is \$10 and reservations are required by noon Sept. 8. To make reservations or for more information, call The Shoppe at 239-2743 or send e-mail to fortrileyossc@yahoo.com or frileyesc@yahoo.com.

Hospital staff offers classes

Irwin Army Community Hospital's Nutrition Care Division staff offers classes in family member weight control, active duty weight control, health heart (lowfat cholesterol, low sodium), prenatal nutrition, diabetes education and breastfeeding.

For more information or to sign up for one of the classes, call TRICARE at 784-1200. For all other classes and inspections, call the Preventive Medicine Division at 239-7644.

The Preventive Medicine Division offers child health assessments (well-child screening for on-post child care), a self-care program to help participants recognize common minor illness and implement appropriate treatment options and tobacco cessation.

For the self-care class, call TRICARE at 784-1200. For all other classes and inspections, call the Preventive Medicine Division at 239-7323.

October family conferences set

The 2004 Fort Riley Army Family Action Plan conference has been scheduled for October. The teen conference will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Teen Center, Building 5800. The adult conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 21 and 22 at Riley's Conference Center.

The teen conference is open to all middle school and high school students. Participants will be urged to voice their concerns for attention by the post's command staff.

The adult conference is open to active duty, family member, Department of the Army civilians and retirees.

Programs host kick ball day

The Fort Riley Exceptional Family Member Program and New Parents Support Program will sponsor a Kick Ball Day from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 22. Those wishing to participate must RSVP to Laurie McCauley at 239-9435 by Sept. 20.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

CFC campaign aims for \$150,000

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The annual Combined Federal Campaign kicks off with a rally at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at Riley's Conference Center.

The campaign will run from Sept. 13 through Nov. 1 with a goal of raising \$150,000.

The CFC is a fund-raising effort that enables federal employees to make a single contribution to many human care organizations. The campaign offers contributors hundreds of national and local charity organizations to choose to support, including United Way and community health charities in Kansas.

"The number of people who need the services supported through the CFC has been steadily increasing," said Dori Farrow, Fort Riley's CFC coordinator. "Our challenge is to continue caring so that help will be available for those who need it. ... [The CFC] helps us and our other federal employees by making it pos-

sible for these organizations to provide a wide range of services."

Donors can pick one of several ways to contribute to CFC, Farrow said.

"You can pay the entire sum by either cash or check. The easiest way to make your contribution to CFC is through payroll deductions. The amount you specify

will be withheld from your pay each month starting in January," she said.

The minimum amount a servicemember can have withheld from his or her pay each month is \$2. Federal civilian employees must opt for a minimum of \$1

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Talent Rally

BOSS stages 'Gong' revival

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Nine acts showed off their talent, or lack of talent, Friday night at Rally Point as contestants in a "Gong Show" revival hosted by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers on post.

Jonte Ross took home the first-place prize of a \$125 gift certificate by singing a cappella.

Grace Ann Manor played her cello well enough to finish second, and Aja Rucker, singing a song she wrote, took third place. Manor and Rucker received \$100 and \$75 gift certificates, respectively.

Other acts to receive prizes were Dave Troester, who sang Garth Brooks' "The Dance," and Brian Fromm and Trisha Kellie for their country music swing dancing.

Only two acts were "gonged" during the evening.

"I think the people who came out had a good time," said Spec. Jason Dunlap, BOSS coordinator for the event.

For the organization's next event, "We will have a BOSS Haunted House on post Oct. 28 through 30 for kids and adults," Dunlap said.

The "Unknown Comic" from the hit syndicated television show did not make an appearance at the Fort Riley revival.

The "Gong Show" was a first for Fort Riley's BOSS program. Unit representatives from the organization's council selected the "Gong Show" venue.



Post/Hardesty
Brian Fromm and Trisha Kellie twist through a movement of their western swing dance while competing at the talent show sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Aug. 27 at Rally Point on Fort Riley.

Winner



Post/Hardesty
Jonte Ross wows the audience at Rally Point with an a cappella song that won him first place.

Classical



Post/Hardesty
Grace Ann Manor adds a bit of class to the "Gong Show" revival with her second-place performance on the cello.

Event promotes equality

Speaker highlights women's struggle to vote

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

It took women nearly a century and a half after the United States was formed to win the right to vote. In celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment, members of the Fort Riley community gathered to observe Women's Equality Day Aug. 26 at Riley's Conference Center.

Keynote speaker Col. Kimberly Weaver, commander of the 648th Area Support Group, spoke of the history of women's suffrage and struggles for equality from the battles by pioneers such as Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, to the efforts of thousands of nameless faces.



Post/Blackmon
Col. Kimberly Weaver, commander of the 648th Area Support Group, speaks Aug. 26 about women's suffrage.

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Army commends unit

AAFES service earns award

By Diane Weed
AAFES Public Affairs

DALLAS – The Secretary of the Army awarded the Army and Air Force Exchange Service a Meritorious Unit Commendation for its outstanding support of U.S. servicemembers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander, accepted the award during a ceremony at the AAFES Headquarters in Dallas, Texas, Aug. 20.

The award recognizes the support AAFES provided to more than 300,000 Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, Sailors, civilians and coalition personnel from Jan. 30, 2003, to Feb. 9, 2004.

This prestigious honor is awarded to a unit for at least six months of outstanding service

during a period of combat.

The Meritorious Unit Commendation is a unit honor that is awarded to a military command that displays exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service, heroic deeds or valorous actions.

"The award description says that to be eligible for this award a unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions," Frost said. "In AAFES' case, we did something nobody else could do – provide this kind of support to our troops in a war zone."

The award cited AAFES for "Working continuously to improve the overall morale of all

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Community news briefly

Parent Advisory Council to meet

The Parent Advisory Council meets the first Friday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 10 (Sept. 3 is a training holiday) in the training room in Building 6620. The upcoming agenda includes program updates and parent information. For more information, call Outreach Services at 239-9850.

Baby-sitting class offered

The Red Cross will offer a baby sitting course Sept. 11 in Building 5800. Cost is \$10.

Youths must be at least 11 years old to attend the class. Youths 12 years old and older who successfully complete the course are eligible for inclusion on the Fort Riley Teen Baby Sitter Referral List, with parental permission.

For more information about the course, call Central Enrollment Registry at 239-5077 or 239-4847.

Family care orientation:

A Family Child Care orientation is offered the first Thursday of each month for people interested in becoming an FCC provider. The orientation is given from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Building 6620.

FCC providers are being recruited to replace providers who will soon leave Fort Riley and to meet demands for infant and hourly care.

For more information, call the FCC director at 239-9892.

Latinos to host game tourney

The Geary County Latino Organization invites interested players to compete in a Kansas Championship Dominoes Tournament Sept. 4 at the Super 8 Motel, 1001 E. Sixth St. in Junction City.

Single entries for organization members will cost \$20 (a partner will be selected by draw). Teams of two players who are organization members can enter for \$40. Non-member entry fees for single players will be \$20 and non-member teams can enter for \$40. Entry fees must be paid by

check of money order and sent to Geary County Latino Organization, Inc., P.O. Box 3091, Junction City, KS 66441. Cash entry fees may be made in person at the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 425 N. Washington St. in Junction City. The CVB is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Partner draws will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament will begin at 9 a.m.

U.S. Soldier Show coming

The 2004 U.S. Army Soldier show takes the stage at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 and at 2 and 7 p.m. Sept. 15 in McCain Auditorium on the Kansas State University campus.

Nineteen of the Army's most talented Soldiers perform in a high-energy family-friendly music and dance production guaranteed to entertain anyone in the audience.

Admission is free.

For more information, call 239-6398.

Crafts center wants photos

Sept. 1-29 - Submit entries for photography contest

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

At the movies:

The Barlow Post Theater Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for Children 5 to 11 years old and free for children under age 5, except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Sept. 2 - A Cinderella Story (PG)

Sept. 3 - The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13)

Sept. 4 - The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13)

Sept. 5 - Thunderbirds (PG)

Sept. 9 - Thunderbirds (PG)

Sept. 10 - I, Robot (PG-13)

Sept. 11 - I, Robot (PG-13)

Sept. 12 - Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle (R)

Sept. 16 - Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle (R)

Sept. 17 - The Village (PG-13)

Sept. 18 - The Village (PG-13)

Sept. 19 - The Manchurian Candidate (R)

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deployed personnel, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service." Cited achievements included the opening of post exchanges, fast food restaurants, gift and alterations shops, and telecommunication centers as quickly as conditions allowed.

"From the initial force buildup in Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, to the actual invasion of Iraq, until robust operations throughout Iraq today, AAFES has been with our troops every step of the way," Frost said.

Before the U.S. actually went into Iraq, AAFES established a support presence in all of the tactical assembly areas. In March 2003, the troops went into Iraq, and within days AAFES followed, providing life-sustaining support in geographically dispersed areas.

Within a few weeks, while major combat operations continued in Northern Iraq, AAFES established and fully supported 92 unit-run imprest fund sites throughout the country, ensuring all troops would have access to basic health and comfort items.

As the end of the major combat operations drew to a close, AAFES began to open facilities in

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is a joint command of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. A board of directors that is responsible to the secretaries of the Army and the Air Force through the service chiefs of staff directs it.

AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and of generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military morale, welfare and recreation programs. To find out more about AAFES' history and mission, visit www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp on the Web.

areas of major troop concentrations such as Baghdad International Airport, Life Support Base Anaconda, Adair/Tallil Air Base, Al Asad, Tikrit and Mosul. This brought an expanded assortment of merchandise, to include snacks and equipment/gear.

AAFES started by selling out of backpacks and footlockers and gradually moved into tents then into existing structures. Today, AAFES operates 31 stores in Iraq, 10 in Kuwait, two in Qatar and one in the United Arab Emirates.

Within 30 days of being in Iraq, AAFES brought mobile satellite phone service to the

troops in Baghdad. AAFES now operates telecommunications centers 24 hours a day, seven days a week at all major troop staging areas.

In June 2003, AAFES opened its first Burger King at Baghdad International Airport. The facility, while it was open, sold 6,500 burgers a day and was the No. 1 AAFES Burger King, based on sales volume, in the entire world.

Since then, AAFES has moved other Name Brand Fast Food operations such as Pizza Hut and Subway into Iraq to provide troops deployed there with a taste of home.

Burger King serves troops in Bagram

AAFES

Special to the Post

DALLAS - The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's expansion of name brand fast food continued as it opened Afghanistan's first Burger King at Bagram Air Base. The BK trailer that now serves troops in Afghanistan is the same one that supported recovery operations at the Pentagon following the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Traffic has been brisk at AAFES' Bagram BK with registers ringing up more than \$20,000 in sales during the "massive kitchen on wheels" first four days of operation in Afghanistan.

AAFES' contingency Name Brand Fast Food operations, including three Burger Kings and two Pizza Huts in Iraq, stay busy serving troops hungry for a taste of home.

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"The journey towards equality is not over," Weaver said. "I remember the first time I voted in an election. When I dropped the ballot in the voting box, I never thought about the sacrifices or appreciated the efforts of those who went before me.

"Today I am humbled and grateful to all those women that preceded me.

"Each time we succeed, it opens the door for others to follow. And with their success, comes others. This applies to every aspect of life," Weaver said.

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deducted from each paycheck if they pick payroll deduction. The minimum annual deduction is \$24 for military and \$26 for civilians.

Contractors and Reserve and National Guard component personnel can make one-time contributions.

The kick-off rally at Riley's Conference Center will include a welcome by Helen Gough, deputy garrison commander, and opening remarks by Col. John Simpson, garrison commander. Representa-

tives from several local agencies will also speak.

A new event this year will be door prizes. Information, Ticketing and Registration donated several items to be given away, including a weekend stay in Topeka and tickets to Thunder Hill Speedway.

"We want all commanders, sergeants major, directors and all key personnel to attend the kick-off," Farrow said. "Refreshments will be served afterward."

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Post news in brief

Flag football clinic set

The Fort Riley Sports Office will conduct an official clinic for anyone interested in becoming a flag football official this fall. The clinic will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 8 in the sports office at King Field House, Building 202, on Main Post.

For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

Pool to resume normal hours

Eyster Pool opens Sept. 8 with normal operational hours.

The pool will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. It will open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday for lap swimming and from 1 to 6 p.m. the same days for open swimming. It will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays for open swimming.

Quarterly pool passes cost \$35 for one person or \$50 for a family. Semi-annual pool passes cost \$60 for one person or \$80 for a family and annual pool passes are \$110 for one person or for a family.

Daily entry fees are \$1.50 for ID card holders, \$2 for guests and free for children 5 years old and younger.

Staff plans competitions

Entries are due Sept. 14 for battalions wanting to compete in the post tournament scheduled Sept. 21-24.

The post battalion level cross country meet is scheduled for Sept. 17. Entries are due by Sept. 14.

Flag football has been scheduled to run from Sept. 8 through Nov. 8.

For more information, call 239-3945 or 239-2172.

Aerobic classes offered evenings

Aerobic classes will be offered from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at King Field House. Cost is \$2 per class if paid in advance. September classes cost a total of \$12. October and November classes cost a total of \$10.50.

No classes will be conducted Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 11 or Nov. 25 because of holidays. For more information, call 239-2813.

Archers plan 3-D shoot

Southfork Archers will host their 3-D Monthly bow shoot at 10 a.m. Sept. 5 at Byron Walker Wildlife Area 8 miles west of Kingman, Kan., off U.S. Highway 54.

Archers may enter unlimited, limited, bare bow, open, traditional, women's and youth classifications. For more information, call (620) 532-3242.

Fans invited to pep rally

Kansas State University fans are invited to help kick off the 2004 K-State football season with the annual Purple Power Play on Poyntz from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 2-3. A variety of live entertainment, games, activities and giveaways are scheduled to fill downtown Manhattan.

Tee-ta-tete

Rally Point hosts golf tournament

Staff report

Mike Steffens and Tom Pettigrew teamed to shoot a 66 on the par-72, Custer Hill Golf Course Aug. 28 to win the championship flight of the Rally Point Golf Tournament by one stroke in the best ball scramble format.

In the first flight, Mike Lopes and Rick Geike shot a 76 to win by two strokes.

Other championship flight tournament results were:

Bill Cope and Doug Crabtree second with 67. Col. "Jay" Simpson and Capt. Chris May third with 68 and Chief Warrant Officer John McLochlin and Staff Sgt. Mark Talbe fourth with 69.

Other first flight results were:

Vera Escoc and Samuel Escoc second with 78, Ed Fioala and Roy Watson third with 78 and Ross Clemons and Tom Musguire fourth with 79.



Above: Staff Sgt. Mark Talbe sends a drive down the first hole fairway Aug. 28 during the Rally Point Golf Tournament at Custer Hill Golf Course.

Right: Capt. Chris May leads off the Rally Point "best ball scramble" tournament Aug. 28.



Soldiers place well in Athens Games

Senior shines in final event of Games' modern pentathlon

By Tim Hips
AFPS

ATHENS, Greece — Army 1st Lt. Chad Senior saved his best for last, but it wasn't enough.

He finished 13th in men's modern pentathlon Aug. 26 in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games at Goudi Olympic Complex in Athens.

Senior, 29, finished second in the 3,000-meter cross-country run with a time of 9 minutes, 35.76 seconds.

It was the last of five events that included pistol shooting, fencing, swimming and equestrian riding.

Russia's Andrey Moiseyev won the gold medal. Lithuania's Andrejus Zadneprovskis took the silver medal. Czech Republic's Libor Capalini claimed the bronze.

Team USA's Vakhant "Vaho" Iagorashvili finished ninth.

Senior, who stumbled out of the

pentathlon blocks by finishing 18th in 10-meter air pistol, finished the grueling day in 13th place with 5,192 points.

He buried himself deeper with a 26th-place finish in epee one-touch fencing.

Senior came splashing back with a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle in 2:02.39.

On the equestrian ride, his horse, Guelfo Del Balagio, kicked at least five rails to the ground, leaving Senior in 22nd place in the event and 20th overall entering the run.

He passed seven runners in the 3,000-meter distance to finish 13th.

A Fort Myers, Fla., native, Senior is a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

Tim Hips is assigned to the Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office.

Dulohery misses bronze in shoot-off

By Tim Hips
AFPS

ATHENS, Greece — Army Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Dulohery lost a three-way shoot-off for a bronze medal and finished fifth in men's skeet shooting Aug. 22 in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games here.

Sgt. 1st Class James "Todd" Graves finished in a six-way tie for ninth place in the two-day event at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Italy's Andrea Benelli prevailed in another shoot-off against silver medalist Marko Kemppainen, who equaled the world record in qualification, to win the gold medal with a final score of 149. Cuba's Juan Miguel Rodriguez defeated Qatar's Nasser Al-Attiya and Dulohery in the shoot-off for the bronze medal with a 147 total.

"It was an exciting final, good to be in it," said Dulohery, 39, from Lee's Summit, Mo., and a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit based at Fort Benning, Ga. "I wish for USA Shooting's sake and my sake that I would've won a medal, but there's always the

next one."

Dulohery nailed 122 of 125 targets in five qualification rounds, including a perfect 25 in his final stanza to reach the final. He said he was too pumped up for the shoot-off.

"I just shot it too quick," he said about missing his sixth target in the shoot-off for third place. "I get quicker as the pressure builds. I'm a really, really high-anxiety person, and I was pretty excited just to be in the finals." Rodriguez downed 10 targets to Nasser's nine to claim the bronze.

Graves, 41, a marksmanship unit shotgun shooter from Laurel, Miss., finished qualification with a score of 121, one target shy of the cutoff for the final.

"I knew I had to run 50 today," said Graves, who shot 24 of 25 targets in back-to-back rounds. "When I missed one in the first round and I saw how the wind was blowing, I knew if I could run the last run that I would have a chance, but one just slipped away from me."

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Fort Riley Middle School grid teams scrimmage

Trooper Sports Schedules

8th-Grade Football				
Date	Opponent	Where		Time
Sept. 2	Manhattan Anthony	Home		5:15 p.m.
Sept. 9	Topeka Logan	Home		5:15 p.m.
Sept. 16	Solomon	Away		3:45 p.m.
Sept. 23	Abilene	Away		6 p.m.
Sept. 27	Marysville	Away		5 p.m.
Sept. 30	Manhattan Eisenhower	Home		4 p.m.
Oct. 5	Chapman	Away		5:30 p.m.
7th-Grade Football				
Sept. 2	Wamego	Home		3:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Topeka Logan	Home		3:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Abilene	Home		4 p.m.
Sept. 23	Clay Center	Away		5 p.m.
Sept. 30	Junction City	Away		3:45 p.m.
Oct. 5	Chapman	Away		4 p.m.
Oct. 7	Topeka Northern Hills	Away		3:45 p.m.



Joshua Montgomery (60) eyes the football after a fumble during the 7th and 8th grade scrimmage Aug. 28 at Fort Riley Middle School. Post: Hardesty





Wildcats to open season against WKU

Kansas State ranks 10th, 12th or 13th nationally, depending on which poll considered

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Kansas State University opens the 2004 season ranked in the Top 25 of college football's most prestigious polls.

The Wildcats received their highest ranking, No. 10, from Sports Illustrated's preseason Top 25 and the Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook preseason Top 25 rankings.

The Associated Press ranks K-State at No. 12 nationally, and the Cats start the season at No. 13 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll.

The Wildcats must replace 14 starters this season but return several strong veterans, including No. 43, Darren Sproles.

Sproles, who is perhaps the nation's top running back and a strong Heisman candidate, will play a key role for the Cats. He is K-State's career leading rusher with 3,661 yards on 571 carries. He amassed 345 all-purpose yards against Oklahoma last year.

So far this season, Sproles has been named First-Team All-America by Blue Ribbon Yearbook, Playboy and College Football News. He also was named All-Big 12 by the Big 12 media.

No. 86, Brian Casey, also returns to the Wildcat lineup as tight end. Casey finished last season with 19 receptions for 349 yards.

His biggest play of the season was a 19-yard catch that put K-State on the board against OU in the Big 12 Championships.

Casey is on this year's John Mackey Award watch list.

Returning kicker Joe Rheem, No. 13, was the second leading scorer for the Cats last season with 103 points. At 12 for 17 on field goals - seven for 10 at more than 40 yards - he is a candidate for the 2004 Lou Groza Award.

Sporting News calls cornerback Cedrick Williams, No. 4, the Big 12's "fastest defensive back." Williams is one of the Big 12's top cover corners and made five interceptions to rank second best in that category for the Cats' 2003 team.

Defensive lineman Jermaine Berry, No. 91, comes in as K-State's leading tackler this season. He finished fourth last season with 82 tackles. He also was second on the team in quarterback sacks with seven.

Berry has been added to the 2004 Rotary Lombardi Award watch list.

The Wildcats moved offensive lineman Michael Johnson, No. 60, to center after he played guards for two years. He blocked for the Cats' ninth-ranked scoring offense (36.6 points/game) and rushing offense (228.6 yards/game) in the country. The offensive line also ranked first in the Big 12 in sacks allowed per game (1.27).

No. 12 K-State vs. Western Kentucky

When: Sept. 4
Kickoff: 6:10 p.m.
Tickets: \$19. Call ITR at 239-5614

TV: none
Radio: Mid America Sports Network, 29 affiliate stations; Junction City on 1420 AM, 102.5 FM; Manhattan on 1350 AM, 101.5 FM, 102.5 FM
Internet: www.k-statesports.com. Click the "Live" button at the top of the page and mouse down to "Live Football."

This marks the second time in three seasons K-State takes on Western Kentucky. In 2002, the Cats defeated the Hilltoppers, 48-3.



Center Mike Johnson, a two-year starter at guard, will be making his first career start at center.

Defense (5): defensive end Scott Edmonds, defensive tackle Quintin Echols, linebacker Marvin Simmons, cornerback David Rose and strong safety Marcus Patton.

Specialists (2): punter Jesse Martinez and long snapper Jeff Mortimer (FG).

About the Wildcats:

Head Coach Bill Snyder returns for his 16th season at the helm of the Wildcats after a strong showing last season, including the program's first Big 12 Championship and first BCS bowl berth.

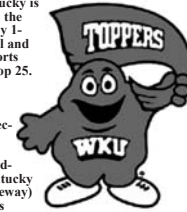
With the K-State returning just 11 starters for 2004, several Wildcats will be taking aim at their first career starts. According to the most recent depth chart, the list includes...

Offense (4): left guard Malcolm Wooldridge, right guard Michael Weiner, quarterback Dylan Meier and wide receiver Yamon Figures.

About the Hilltoppers

Western Kentucky is ranked No. 14 in the ESPN/USA Today I-AA Coaches' Poll and No. 13 in the Sports Network I-AA Top 25.

Head Coach David Elson returns for his second year at the helm of the Hilltoppers after guiding Western Kentucky to a 9-4 (5-2 Gateway) record during his rookie campaign.



WKU returns 10 starters, including quarterback Justin Haddix, who completed 113 of 223 passes for 1,875 yards, and running back Lerron Moore, a nearly 1,500-yard rusher. Inside linebacker Charles Thompson, who collected 110 total tackles during 2003, is back to lead the defense.

Check each issue of the Post for a preview of the upcoming Kansas State University Wildcat football game and other K-State sports information.

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Post offers plentiful hunting, outdoor fun

By Alan Hynek
Fish and Wildlife Biologist
Conservation Division

Many things have changed on Fort Riley over the years, but one mainstay has always been an abundance of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.



Alan Hynek

It really is no coincidence that Fort Riley is known as one of the premier hunting and fishing installations within the Army. Just the fact that it is located in north central Kansas is an excellent start. You would be hard pressed to find an area that has more species of game animals and in good numbers.

Add to that some good management over the years, and Fort Riley has become known as a destination for outdoor activity.

Just as Labor Day is the "unofficial" end of summer, opening day of morning dove season is the "unofficial" start of the fall hunting seasons.

The season for morning dove runs from Sept. 1 to Oct. 14 and from Nov. 1-16.

While doves can be finicky in nature according to weather, their numbers at this time appear to be good in certain locations.

Fields of ragweed, sunflowers and nearby water create an optimum location to find these early

migrants.

By far the two most unique species that can be hunted on Fort Riley are elk and the greater prairie chicken. For the 2004 season, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks awarded 22 elk permits, which were drawn from nearly 1,700 applicants.

If you are lucky enough to draw an elk tag in Kansas, your chance of success is pretty good. Fort Riley currently has a population of about 125 elk. Small herds and single elk can also be found on private property near the post, although their numbers are unknown. Elk hunting season on Fort Riley is Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

Fort Riley is one of the last strongholds of the greater prairie chicken.

Although these prairie grouse have declined throughout their range, their population index on Fort Riley has remained fairly stable and has actually increased in recent years. It is the one of the largest publicly owned tracts of land where prairie chickens can still be hunted.

Prairie chicken hunting season runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and from Nov. 6 to Jan. 31. The bag limit is 2.

The other two species of upland game found on Fort Riley are probably a better-known quarry to most hunters. Ring-necked pheasant and bobwhite quail can be found in good numbers on post.

While both species have experienced declines in overall numbers the past 10 years, early indications are they should be found in decent numbers this year.

Both species can be hunted from Nov. 13 to Jan. 31. The daily bag limit is eight for quail and four for pheasant.

A couple of species that don't get much recognition but make excellent table fare are rabbit and squirrel. Both can be found in abundance on Fort Riley and both have long seasons for hunting.

Rabbit season is open year around. Squirrel season runs from June 1 to Feb. 28. The bag limit is 10 for rabbit and five for squirrel. Deer hunting on Fort Riley is

an exciting time for hunters and the conservation office staff. About 500 firearms permits are given out each year. The permits are valid during the post's firearms deer season Nov. 26-28, Dec. 19-23 and Dec. 27-30 Dec.

Firearms deer permits are allocated through a lottery drawing. Hunters should visit the Conservation Division staff in Building 1020 or the Outdoor Recreation Center staff in Building 9011 for more information on how to apply for the firearms deer tags and

important upcoming dates.

The muzzleloader season Sept. 11-24 is unlimited in number of participants but is restricted to traditional and flintlock muzzleloaders.

The archery season for Fort Riley is Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 and Dec. 13-31. Archery deer permits are unlimited.

Fall turkey hunting on Fort Riley can be challenging but rewarding. Each hunter can get up to four permits. The season runs Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 and Dec. 13-31.

Fort Riley offers an abundance of opportunities to enjoy the natural resources found on post. There is something for everyone, including hunting, fishing, hiking and nature photography.

In addition, the scenic Flint Hills found on Fort Riley offer the mountain biker a stiff challenge and the horseback rider some excellent views.

For more information about hunting on Fort Riley, call the Conservation Division at 239-6211.

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Matthew Hutzenbiler takes a jump with his dirt bike at School Creek ORV Area.

Parks cater to ‘rough’ riders

Three major off-road vehicle parks surround the Fort Riley area: School Creek ORV Park adjacent to Milford Lake and Spillway Cycle Area and Tuttle Creek ORV Area near Tuttle Creek Lake.

Each area offers riders a variety of trails to use.

School Creek ORV Area

The School Creek ORV Area is about 287 acres of mostly wooden terrain. Located adjacent to Milford lake, it offers places to set up camp.

The area is restricted to vehicles 50 inches wide or less. Full-size four-wheel drive vehicles and dune buggies are not allowed on the trails.

Kansas State safety regulations are in effect for the area. Riders must wear mandatory eyewear and juveniles must wear helmets.

Mountain biking is also popular in the area. According to the Corps of Engineers' Web site, mountain biking and ORVs have coexisted for several years along the trail system without incident.

A primitive parking area is available and free. Trails can be accessed from both sides of the parking lot. A vault toilet, refuse dumpster and loading ramp are located in the parking lot.

The park has limited maintenance, so users of the area are expected to pick up after themselves and follow the rules.

Directions to School Creek ORV area:

From Junction City, go 2 miles northwest on Kansas Highway 57. Then go 4 miles west on Kansas Highway 244, 8 miles north on County Road 837 and turn east onto Luttmann Road until you reach the area.

Tuttle Creek ORV Area

The Tuttle Creek ORV Area is 310 acres of trails, steep climbs, sharp turns and rugged terrain. It is open to all motorized and non-motorized vehicles.

A map posted on the bulletin board near the park entrance notes boundaries. Riders must stay off private property. Boundaries are indicated by barbed wire fences and rock walls.

The Corps of Engineers asks that riders use only existing trails and not create new trails.

Park prohibitions include: riding in creek beds, camping, overnight use, open fires, hunting and firearms.

Fancy Creek State Park, 4 miles north, is the nearest outside the parks are open to hunting.

The park is open from sunrise to sunset.

Directions to Tuttle Creek ORV Area:

The area is located 2 miles southeast of Randolph with access off Riley County Road 893 to Secrest Road, then one-half mile east.

Spillway Cycle Area

The Spillway Cycle Area is 90 acres of open and wooden terrain adjacent to the spillway. Trails range from level stretches to challenging hill climbs.

The area is open to bicycles and all two-, three- and four-wheeled motorized vehicles with a wheelbase of less than 66 inches. The wheelbase limit is strictly enforced. To assist riders in determining their wheelbase, pavement markings set 66 inches apart have been placed near the vault toilets.

Dune buggies and four-wheel drive vehicles are not allowed at the park. All cars and trucks are restricted to the paved parking area.

A cycle area map posted in the parking lot identifies the boundaries where authorized vehicles may be operated. Signs are also set up on the park's boundaries.

Vault toilets, picnic tables and a loading ramp are adjacent to the paved entrance parking lot.

The park is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. year-round.

Directions to the Spillway Cycle Area:

The area joins the spillway just below the east entrance of Tuttle Creek Dam, with access off Dyer Road.

Off-road vehicle operators face myriad of factors that challenge safe operation

By Amanda Wilse
KSU intern

For many people, summer fun means loading up the dirt bike or four-wheeler and heading to an off-road vehicle park for a good time. For the careless, exciting outdoor fun may turn to tragedy in an instant.

Drinking or taking drugs while operating an ORV, lack of knowledge about the terrain, limited riding experience or driving too fast could contribute to an accident, perhaps a fatal accident.

Earlier this year, a middle-aged man died after rolling his ORV and breaking his neck at the School Creek ORV area at Milford Lake, Geary County Sheriff Jim Jensen said. If the rider had

been paying more attention to the terrain, he might still be alive today, Jensen said.

Riders should take extra precautions when riding at ORV parks where many people ride.

"School Creek can be bumper to bumper, especially on the weekends. People need to watch out for other people and where they're driving," Jensen said.

Jensen attributes most accidents to improper handling of the vehicle and driving at high speeds. "Some people just push their limit. They're thinking about the adrenaline rush, not a potential accident," Jensen said.

He also cautioned riders to follow appropriate safety rules when riding an ORV. ORVs cannot be ridden on public roads and anyone

caught doing so in Geary County will receive a ticket, Jensen said.

Lack of headlights and inadequate brakes can pose dangers to the ORV driver and any other motorist if the ORV is driven on a public road, he said. Even injuries occurring on private land could result in a ticket for the rider if officials find the accident was caused by driver neglect, Jensen said.

"These vehicles were made for off-road driving," not for public roadways, Jensen emphasized.

Children also need to be careful when driving an ORV, Jensen said. Most accidents involving children occur when the child doesn't know the appropriate precautionary procedures to follow when driving, he said.

ORV enthusiast Sgt. Tricia Pierce agrees. Pierce started taking her 3-year-old son, Ronnie, to School Creek so that he can learn how to drive his four-wheeler. While she enjoys spending time with her son on ORVs, she said she realizes that they must be ridden carefully because she has seen many kids who have been injured while riding at School Creek.

Pierce said she thinks most accidents occur when kids drive ORVs that are too large for them to handle well. She said she has seen many families at School Creek letting their children ride large ORVs that they couldn't control.

Making sure her son's ORV is the proper size isn't the only pre-

ventive measure Pierce takes. She said she recently spent some \$300 on protective gear for Ronnie.

"The gear is worth every penny because it keeps him safe," Pierce said.

Although Pierce said the protective gear helps, she admits that Ronnie has suffered several bumps and bruises since he's been riding on ORVs. However, the protective gear has helped limit his injuries to minor ones, she said.

"It's normal for any little boy to get a few scrapes," Pierce said.

Maj. Jeffrey Kazaligis, an orthopedic surgeon at Irwin Army Community Hospital, said he treats about one person a month for injuries received while driving an ORV.

Several years ago, one of his patients was an 8-year-old boy who broke his femur while riding. Kazaligis said the injury was sustained when the boy was riding in conditions too difficult for him to handle.

"These are fast and powerful machines. People need to know what they're dealing with," Kazaligis said.

Most accidents result when people ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, when they don't know the equipment well, do not obey speed limits or are unfamiliar with the terrain, Kazaligis said.

If an accident were to occur, Kazaligis said the severity of the injuries could be greatly improved by wearing protective clothing.

Information, Ticketing and Registration Office offers travel specials

Kansas State Fair (Hutchinson) – Special military salute for the John Michael Montgomery and Tracy Lawrence concert at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Discount tickets must be ordered through ITR through Aug. 27. Cost is \$22 per ticket (a savings of \$10) and includes an outside gate admission ticket to the fairgrounds.

Stop by ITR and pick up a brochure for the Kansas State Fair Sept. 10-19.

Kansas City Renaissance Festival – Visitors can explore a 16th century village as it comes to life for seven spectacular autumn weekends, Sept. 4 through Oct. 17.

The Festival, now in its 28th year, provides an enchanting escape within nearly 16 acres of shaded lanes. Experience the duel, where knights in armor duel on horseback to win the queen's honor. Interact with

more than 500 costumed characters and listen to the soothing music of the dulcimer, mandolin and harp.

More than 162 shops are open to the shopper and offer fine goods including jewelry, glass, leather goods, and more.

Kids will enjoy the Children's Realm filled with games, shows and crafts and knighting by the king each day.

Discount tickets are available through ITR, across the parking lot from the Main Post Exchange.

Military days at Silver Dollar City and Celebration City through Oct. 30 – Fabulous family festivals for every season of the year, shows like the wacky Silver Dollar saloon that make you laugh and sing, rides like the multi-loopin' Wildfire and so much more.

Celebration City features more than 30 rides and attractions, a boardwalk full of games, an all-new magic show, dining, shopping and nightly laser show.

Purchase a two-day adult ticket through ITR and show your military ID at the ticket booth and receive a free ticket for a child age 4-11.

Operation Homecoming – Allows a returning servicemember and up to four of his or her direct family dependents a one-time entry to one of the Sea World, Busch Gardens or Sesame parks free through Veteran's Day 2004. Proof of deployment or overseas service is required with a valid Department of Defense ID and completed application form.

Applications are available on line at www.buschgardens.com, park gates or ITR.

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Leisuretime ideas

Topeka:

Huff 'n Puff Hot Air Balloon Rally – 29th annual rally, 25 balloons, family friendly entertainment, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 10, 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 11, and 6:30 to 8 a.m. Sept. 12 (weather permitting); 3137 SE 37th St., Lake Shawnee.
For more information, call (785) 554-2003 or visit www.huff-n-puff.org on the Web.

Merriam:

Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle Show – Classic car, hot rod, and motorcycle exhibition with cruise, entertainment, concessions, and specialty vendors; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 11; 5740 Merriam Drive, Merriam Marketplace.
For more information, call (913) 722-7750.

Lawrence:

Haskell Indian Art Market – Two-day outdoor market featuring American Indian artists from around the country, artist demonstrations, entertainment, and food booths; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 12; 25th and Massachusetts, Haskell Indian Nations University.
For more information, call (785) 843-6830 or visit www.visitlawrence.com on the Web.

Fall Arts and Crafts Festival – 24th annual festival presenting handmade crafts and original artwork by more than 150 artists and crafts people; noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12, 12th and Massachusetts, South Park.
For more information, call (785) 832-7940 or visit www.visitlawrence.com.

Salina:

Wheatland Cluster Dog Show – More than 1,000 dogs from across America and foreign countries participate in an annual show certified by the American Kennel Club; Sept. 10-12; 800 The Midway, Salina Bicentennial Center.
For more information, call (785) 826-7200 or visit www.salinakansas.org on the Web.

Emporia:

Fiesta – Coronation dance, parade, programs, games, food, competitions, and music; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 12; Arundel Street and South Avenue, Las Casitas Park.
For more information, call (620) 342-6899.

Wichita:

Concerts in the Gardens – Live music under the stars, Kansas City-based Mike Metheny plays flugelhorn jazz sounds from the heartland; doors open at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 9, dinner buffet available 5:30 to 7 p.m., concert begins 7:30 p.m.; 701 Amidon, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens.
For more information, call (316) 264-0448 or visit www.botanica.org on the Web.

El Dorado:

Open Car Show – All classes, prizes awarded in several categories; 3 to 9 p.m. Sept. 11; Main Street and 383 E. Central, Kansas Oil Museum.
For more information, call (316) 321-3150 or visit www.eldoradochamber.com on the Web.

'I like Ike'



A woman and her granddaughter walk past one exhibit in the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene.

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Abilene shows off Eisenhower's heritage

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

ABILENE – "I Like Ike" banners and other displays remind visitors to the Eisenhower Museum that Americans loved the 34th president of the United States.

The political niche of the extensive museum includes a display reminding people my age of his railway stump across the states, including a stop in Dodge City when I was visiting my grandparents.

Through a plate glass window, visitors can see a typical American living room of the early 1950s, complete with a black and white television set showing ads of the day.

Most older visitors will remember Dwight David Eisenhower most for his military career and later service as president. So, it may be appropriate that the final exhibits in the museum deal with Ike's political life and presidency.

Wandering through the museum, the visitor matures with Eisenhower through his younger years, his military career and life with his wife, Mamie.

For the men, especially, the museum houses an extensive display of weapons and weaponry.

For the women, especially, it devotes considerable space to Mamie, some of her clothing and tableware she used at the White House.

Displays also show dolls dressed in gowns resembling what all the presidents' wives have worn.



If you go:

From Fort Riley, take Interstate 70 west to exit 275 and turn south into Abilene.

Follow Buckeye Avenue through town until you reach the Eisenhower Center.

The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

For the history buff, the museum is chock full of information about World War II, including an intriguing model of an ingenious floating supply dock engineers created to unload cargo ships carrying military supplies to troops in Europe.

Visitors also get a glimpse at Eisenhower, the husband, father and man. I particularly found it interesting that Ike enjoyed painting.

The museum isn't the only attraction at the Eisenhower Center. The boyhood home of Eisenhower sits on the same grounds as the visitor center, Eisenhower statue, pylons monument, library and place of meditation, the final resting place of Ike, Mamie and their first-born son, Doud Dwight.

The Eisenhower residence was home to

the family from 1898 until the president's mother, Ida, died in 1946. The house sits on its original site and contains furniture and items left in the house by the president's mother.

The Ike statue is an 11-foot bronze standing in the center of the complex. It was a gift to the Eisenhower Center by Sen. Harry Darby of Kansas City, Kan.

The five pylons were a gift to the Eisenhower Center by the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution and Sororist Clubs of Kansas.

They are dedicated to Eisenhower's parents, brothers, military personnel, civilians and democracy.

The visitors center offers a short film on the life of President Eisenhower as well as a wide range of souvenir gift items.

State fair gets bigger, better

Special to the Post
KDC/KDA

The Agriculture Marketing Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Department of Agriculture are partnering to host a competitive grape stomp along with wine judging and cheese tasting at the Kansas State Fair on Sept. 10 to promote the state's wine and cheese industries.

The fair is held annually in Hutchinson, Kan., for 10 days starting the first Friday after Labor Day. This year's fair will run through Sept. 19.

The grape stomp will be at 3 p.m. at the Dodge Stage.

Entertainment

4Him – Contemporary Christian group, 6 p.m. Sept. 19, free

Clay Aiken – 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10. Ticket Price is \$30 and all seats are reserved seating.

REO Speedwagon with 38 Special – 7:30 p.m. Sept. 11. Ticket Price is \$25. All seats are reserved seating.

Kansas Sings and Mark Schultz – 7 p.m. Sept. 13, free.

Oak Ridge Boys – 7:30 p.m., Sept. 14. Ticket price is \$20. All seats are reserved seating.

Brad Paisley with Chris Cagle – 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16. Ticket Price is \$25. All seats are reserved seating.

John Michael Montgomery and Tracy Lawrence – 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Ticket Price is \$25 and all seats are reserved seating.

TRAPT with Pomeroy – 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18. Ticket Price is \$25. All seats are reserved seating.

For more information about gate ticket prices or the fair, call (800) 362-FAIR.

Ticket prices:

- Adults (13-59): \$5 in advance, \$7 once the fair begins
- Seniors (60+): \$4 in advance, \$5 once the fair begins

- Children (6-12): \$3 in advance, \$4 once the fair begins
- Children (5 and under): free

On Sept. 13, the fair gate ticket price is just \$1. For anyone showing a Dillons Plus Card at any fair ticket gate, admission is free. One admission per Plus Card is all that is permitted.

Tickets can be purchased at the advance discounted price at any Dillons Store or at the fair ticket office before the fair begins. After the fair starts, tickets are available at any of the fair ticket gates.

Post prepares for open house

Staff report

Fall is in the air and with fall comes the annual Apple Day/ Fort Riley Open House festival on the installation's historic main post.

On Oct. 2, Fort Riley will host the free, day long festival featuring Fort Riley's historic past and demonstrating and displaying its modern capabilities.

The festival begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m.

Festival coordinator Brad Carlton said guests will be welcomed to tour exhibits, displays and demonstrations at their own pace. Food and refreshment booths will be located on Calvary Parade Field and Fort Riley's famous apple pies, made by members of the Fort Riley Historical and Archeological Society will be available.

Planned events and displays will include:

Pie makers needed

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley seeks volunteers to help make pies for Apple Day.

Pies will be made and frozen on Sept. 27, 28, 29 and 30 with shifts from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. in Building 404, corner of Holbrook and Pershing court.

- **Apple Pie Sales** – The Fort Riley Historical and Archeological Society will sell whole pies and pies by the slice from the B-side of Custer House.

- **Expo Tent** – Features a look at Soldier training and readiness, support links for Soldiers and

If you go

To access Fort Riley, take Interstate 70 to exit 301 and follow the signs leading to the Open House.

Adults in vehicles without a valid Department of Defense registration sticker will need to show a current driver's license, a valid vehicle registration and proof of vehicle insurance to drive on post.

their families, diverse and dynamic quality of life programs and activities and community partnership agencies. The Expo Center will be located under a large canopy in the center of Cavalry Parade Field.

- **Historical Tours** – The U.S.

Cavalry Museum, the Regimental Museum, A-side of Custer House, Main Post Chapel and period vehicle displays will be open for viewing as well as a self-guided walking tour of historic Main Post.

- **Veterans' Activities** – Fort Riley will host a tent for veterans. It will feature a walk through time honoring veterans from World War II to the present.

- **Emergency Equipment Display** – Police response teams, military working dogs, bomb disposal robotics and fire rescue will be featured.

- **Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard** – A living history, mid-1800s cavalry encampment will feature authentic tents, period equipment, uniforms and horses. Members of the color guard will demonstrate equestrian skills and saber drills at noon and 2 p.m.

- **Period Re-enactors and Entertainment** – The HASFR is coordinating re-enactors and period entertainers to set up and demonstrate pioneer and military skills appropriate to the era.

- **Tactical Vehicle, Aircraft, and Weapons Display** – Interactive displays of military equipment will feature Soldiers in combat gear. They will explain system capabilities and assist visitors in and through the displays.

- **Air Force Flyover** – Combat aircraft will conduct a low altitude "fly over" of the Open House site.

- **Obstacle Course** – Allows children to use camouflage face paint and negotiate a series of obstacles.
- **Weapons Firing** – Using blank ammunition, visitors will fire an array of military weapons fitted with laser gear to engage pop-up targets at various distances.

You can find the Fort Riley Post online at www.riley.army.mil

